

HOUSE RESOLUTION 289

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to commend Jim Mitchell on his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this body to recognize and commend those individuals who selflessly give of themselves to the great benefit of those charitable organizations within their communities and the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, such worthy individuals are former National Football League (NFL) gridiron greats, Coach Ken Shipp, Jim "Pork Chop" Mitchell, Dennis Harrison, and Robert James, who will be honored at a sports banquet, "Where Are They Now", Former Professional Athletes of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on March 6, 2004, with all proceeds going to four charities selected by the honorees: Wee Care Day Care Center, Rutherford County Adult Activity Center, Habitat for Humanity, and Bright Temple Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, an All-Pro tight end and eleven-year veteran of the NFL, Jim "Pork Chop" Mitchell is a graduate of Shelbyville's Harris High School; and

WHEREAS, after dominating the opposition on the high school gridiron, Jim Mitchell continued his exemplary football career at Prairie View A&M University, where he distinguished himself as one of the most popular and successful players in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, Jim Mitchell was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in 1969 and played all eleven of his outstanding NFL seasons with the team; he was a 1969 and 1972 Pro Bowl selection; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious NFL career, Jim Mitchell caught 305 passes as a tight end for 4,358 receiving yards and 28 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Jim Mitchell's phenomenal prowess on the gridiron has been appropriately recognized through his receipt of numerous awards and honors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell presently divides his time between his two hometowns, Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jim Mitchell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Jim Mitchell on his excellent career in the National Football League and his outstanding service to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.